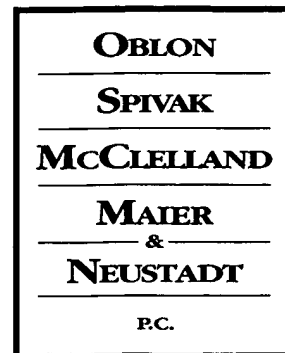




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Respectfully submitted,

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In response to the Election Requirement dated February 22, 2005, Applicant elects Claims 1-8 further examination on the merits. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected invention.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 1-8 is believed to be in order and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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